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## **Thanksgiving Dinner at Hospice Martin – Linsen Residence thanks to Tops donation**

ALBION, NY — Tops ran out of their 49 cents a pound sale turkeys this past week due to the storm closing the NYS Thruway, but that didn't stop Store Manager Rick Wartinger from committing a Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner to terminally ill patients at the Hospice of Orleans Martin-Linsen Residence. For the second year in a row, Tops Friendly Markets will donate a complete Thanksgiving Dinner so that residents at the Martin-Linsen Residence can celebrate Thanksgiving dinner in their "home away from home."

Last year's Thanksgiving dinner at the Residence was such a success that Hospice decided to once again ask Tops to contribute a heat-and-eat Thanksgiving Dinner. While patients enjoy nutritious meals prepared daily at the nearby Villages of Orleans Health & Rehabilitation Center, the meals are not cooked on site but warmed before serving. Last year residents reported that the smell of freshly cooked turkey made it seem like a real traditional Thanksgiving even though they weren't at home. When approached with the idea of providing that same Thanksgiving Day experience to current residents, Rick Wartinger, Tops Store Manager, was enthusiastic in his support. He hoisted a Butterball turkey for a picture to demonstrate his commitment to providing the dinner. The fresh turkey dinner features a fully cooked Butterball bird, herb stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, turkey gravy, sweet potato casserole, cranberry orange relish and, of course, a pumpkin pie.

Hospice personnel will pick up the complimentary meal, valued at \$74.99, around 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, warm it up for the recommended two hours, and serve the grateful residents. The smell of roasted turkey warming in the oven is sure to bring back happy memories and brighten the day of the residents and staff alike. Thank you to Tops for making Thanksgiving possible for patients at the Martin-Linsen Residence so that they and their families can "live" Thanksgiving and not just "cook" it. ~